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Ask Us

Q—What does the Supreme Court passing the school finance law mean to the local tax payers?

A—It means school funding will occur as it has the past couple of years. In other words, there will be little or no change. Impacting residents more, will be the continued fall of oil values in Scurry County. This has caused property taxes to climb annually, and the trend is expected to continue, at least for a few years.

In Brief

Trial update

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The judge in O.J. Simpson's murder trial ruled today that a witness may testify that Simpson told him after Nicole Brown Simpson's slaying he had dreamed of killing her.

Defense attorney Carl Douglas objected, saying the conversation didn't occur.

Hank Goldberg, a deputy district attorney, said Ronald Shipp's testimony about the June 13 conversation in Simpson's home would help prove that Simpson fatally stabbed Nicole Brown Simpson in a jealous rage.

Shipp, according to Goldberg, quoted Simpson as saying: "Hey to be truthful, Ron, man, I have had a lot of dreams about killing her."

Local

Retired

The Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 6, at the Senior Center.

Model planes

Snyder Area Model Airplane Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at A-1 Air Conditioning, 712 College Ave. Visitors are welcome.

Video series

A Bible survey study series continues at 7 p.m. Monday on Cablevision Channel 2 with "God's Plan for Redeeming Man."

Tax help

Dot Stokes, an AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, will be offering free tax help to low- or moderate-income taxpayers age 60 and older each Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 2603 Ave. M., from Feb. 2 through April 15.

Those interested should bring their current tax records and a copy of last year's income tax return.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Tuesday, 67 degrees; low, 28 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Wednesday, 35 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1995 to date, .81 of an inch.

Snyder Area Forecast: Tonight, fair. Low around 40. Light wind. Thursday, partly cloudy. High in the lower mid 70s. West northwest wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset today, 6:18. Sunrise Thursday, 7:36. Of 31 days in 1995, the sun has shone 29 days in Snyder.

'Rescue' response encourages Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said today he is encouraged by the response to the rescue package for Mexico, but his decision drew heated criticism from both Democrats and Republicans in Congress.

"So far, I'm encouraged. I think it was the right thing to do," he told reporters before a morning meeting with military leaders at the Pentagon.

"I hope we have another good day today ... It was good for our country, it was good for our jobs, good for the stability of the region," he said.

The total value of the package is nearly \$50 billion, including almost \$23 billion that had already been committed.

Mexican financial markets and the peso rallied on announcement of the package Tuesday. Today

the peso continued to improve, trading at 5.4 to the dollar compared to 5.75 on Tuesday.

Clinton unveiled the new aid package, which does not require congressional approval, after the \$40 billion in loan guarantees he proposed to Congress on Jan. 12 with the backing of its Republican leaders met with great opposition. But critics weren't silenced by Clinton's change in strategy.

"Some in Congress may be relieved but I am not," said Rep. Toby Roth, R-Wis. "This just postpones the day of reckoning in my opinion."

Lawmakers of both parties complained bitterly that Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin canceled an appearance today before the House International Relations Committee.

"They chose not to come up here because they didn't want to face the heat," said Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind.

"The president, when he doesn't act, is accused of being indecisive. When he does act, he's accused of bypassing Congress. Frankly, it's damned if you do, damned if you don't," said Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y.

Report accuses Russia of human rights violations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department today accused Russia of a string of human rights violations, including disproportionate use of force in breakaway Chechnya, dismal prison conditions, police beatings and cruel hazing of military recruits.

The Russian bombardment of Chechen civilian areas resulted in a "major humanitarian and human rights crisis," said the annual U.S. report on human rights around the world. It also specifically criticized actions by President Boris Yeltsin.

While there were no known political killings last year as Russia continued struggling to make its democracy work, "the line between politically motivated killings and criminal activities has become difficult to distinguish," the annual U.S. report on human rights around the world said.

The report also faults China as

"an authoritarian state" that failed to improve its record of "widespread and well-documented human rights abuses" during a year when President Clinton granted Beijing favored trading status.

"Abuses include arbitrary and lengthy incommunicado detention, torture, and mistreatment of prisoners," as well as restriction of press and political freedoms and repression in Tibet, the report said. It echoed characterizations made in an interview with The Associated Press last week by John Shattuck, assistant secretary of state for human rights.

The report is submitted to Congress each year where it could affect foreign policy and U.S. aid decisions.

Last spring, Clinton removed the link between trading privileges and human rights improvement amid U.S. hopes China would make improvements.

Mike McWilliams joins family firm

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Mike McWilliams, a 1986 graduate of Snyder High School, has returned to Snyder as a pharmacist in the family business. He is the son of Pauline McWilliams, owner of McWilliams Pharmacy, and the late Jerry McWilliams.

McWilliams, who assumed his new duties shortly after Christmas, shares pharmacist's duties with Ann-G Chowning. Though already on the job, he said he will not be considered a "full-fledged" pharmacist until he passes the state boards which he took in Austin on Monday and Tuesday. He expects the results on March 1.

McWilliams is a December, 1994 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he received his pharmacist's training. He also has a BBA degree in accounting from Baylor University, graduating in 1990. He also attended the University of Texas at Arlington for a year prior to enrolling in pharmacy school in the fall of 1991.

Before deciding to become a pharmacist, McWilliams had worked for an accounting firm in Dallas. Newly married at the time, he said he soon realized that that job would not allow him to spend as much time with his family as he wanted to.

McWilliams also said that he and his wife, Terrie, who are expecting their first child in March, did not want to rear their children in a large city.

He said he chose pharmacy as a profession because he remembered that his father, who was also a pharmacist, was able to spend time with him and his older brother, Trey, who now lives in Portland, Ore. McWilliams said he "likes visiting with people" he meets through his work. "It fills an important need for many customers," he said.

Since moving back to Snyder, McWilliams said he and his wife are enjoying the small town atmosphere.



MIKE McWILLIAMS

As a high school student, McWilliams lettered in football, basketball, baseball, tennis and track. He was also involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the National Honor Society, student council and served as a senior class officer. He is also helping to plan his class' 10-year reunion during the summer of 1996.

Activities he enjoys today include golf, jogging and marathons.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A diet is a system that helps a person gain weight more slowly."

Late last year, we read where there's really nothing you can do about being overweight. Fat people had fat cells, and fat cells produce fat people.

Ole what's-her-name didn't buy that excuse and said we should start reading the labels. If you spend sufficient time in the grocery store reading labels, then you don't spend as much time eating.

The secret to being slender we're told, is exercise and a low-fat diet. We have observed that exercise is not totally effective if you take along a bag of chips.

Now, just about the time we are ready to concede to a low-fat diet, a nutrition expert says such a diet could lead to heart disease.

According to a wire story, the low-fat diet universally recommended to prevent heart problems may actually increase the risks for some people —



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT — Members of the Western Texas College Lady Westerners basketball team visited Snyder Day Care Center Tuesday and put on a clinic for the youngsters. In the foreground is Penny Glenn instructing Aaron Realsola. Annie Ragland is shown with Brittany Fritz while Westerner coach Brenda Welch-Nichols is giving instructions to the rest of the players. (SDN Staff Photo)

County records show drop in divorces, marriages, too

You hear it so often, it's almost trite: all you have to do is pay taxes and die.

Well, everyone knows that tax rates are up, and a glance at Scurry County records shows that — maybe not so suprisingly — deaths are, too.

So what's not on the rise? Births, marriages, and even divorces. They're all down, according to five-year statistics obtained from the county and district clerk's offices.

Records from the county courthouse show births, deaths, marriages and divorces which occur

within Scurry County. They do not include a child born to a Snyder couple if the birth occurs outside of the county, for instance.

According to the records, there were 178 births in Scurry County last year. That is the lowest number of newborns since 1990, when there were 176. The average over five years is 192.2, including a high of 221 in 1991.

There were 155 deaths in Scurry County during 1994, well above the five-year average of 127.2. The rate includes death by all causes, natural, accidental and otherwise. A tragic July traffic ac-

cident which left 11 dead — only one was a Scurry County resident — is a major reason for the increase in the 1994 death rate. The rate for 1993 was 116.

Then there were marriages and divorces. Scurry County issued 137 marriage licenses in 1994, well below the five-year average of 162. Marriage licenses have been issued in a steadily declining rate for the past four years. The county clerk's office issued 181 in 1990, 176 in 1991, 156 in 1992 and 160 in 1993.

Marriage break-ups have also fallen significantly, although last year's 99 divorces was up slightly from the 97 petitioned in 1993. But the district clerk's office issued 138 divorce petitions in 1992, and 123 in 1991 and 1990.

And incidentally, the deadline to pay property taxes without incurring a penalty — was yesterday.

Scurry County Vital Statistics

Category	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Births	176	221	203	183	178
Deaths	120	128	117	116	155
Marriage Licenses	181	176	156	160	137
Divorce Petitions	123	123	138	97	99

Meeting set for producers

Provisions of the 1994 Disaster Program and discussion of 1995 crop insurance requirements and the 1995 Acreage Reduction Program will be the focus of a meeting set for 9 a.m. Thursday.

The meeting will be held in Room A at Scurry County Coliseum.

"Because of the requirement that participating producers purchase a minimum level of insurance, as well as changes in the 1994 Disaster Program, this will be an important meeting. Area producers should make every effort to attend," a spokesman with the Farm Service Agency said.

people with "syndrome X."

Syndrome X is where insulin does not properly do its job of helping burn up sugar, and it affects about 25 percent of the U.S. population.

All this conflicting information causes stress, and makes us hungry.

A diet is needed when:

--You dive into a pool so your friends can go surfing.

--You apply makeup with a paint roller.

--Your weight-loss class demands your resignation.

--The scale in front of the drug store says, "One at a time, please."

--They throw puffed rice at your wedding.

--When you hiccup, it looks like someone adjusting a venetian blind.

--You fall down and try to get up, and in the process rock yourself to sleep.

Smog test delay approved by Bush

AUSTIN (AP) — Auto emissions tests in four of the state's largest urban areas have screamed to a halt.

Gov. George W. Bush signed a bill into law Tuesday night that delays the testing for three months.

The Senate gave the bill final approval, 27-2, earlier in the day after lawmakers said the emissions tests had created confusion and anger among motorists forced to take part.

"I'm concerned about the citizens back home who are being stuck daily in an unworkable plan," said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston.

Whitmire said the delay already has been OK'd by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The emissions legislation, Senate Bill 19, was the first signed by the new governor, according to a prepared statement from Bush's office.

The legislation, which is effective immediately, also requires the

Toy firm won't set retail rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Playmobil USA Inc., one of the nation's largest specialty toy companies, has agreed to stop practices the Justice Department said illegally forced retailers to sell its toys at fixed prices.

In a separate settlement Tuesday, the company agreed to pay \$275,000 to Pennsylvania, including \$190,000 in refunds to its customers there, state Attorney General Ernie Preate Jr. announced.

Playmobil, whose parent company is Geobra Brandstatter GmbH & Co. KG. of Germany, has annual sales of more than \$18 million and makes small plastic figurines, vehicles and buildings sold in sets organized around themes such as the Wild West, a Victorian doll house, a hospital or a pirate ship.

Playmobil agreed to drop the contested practices that Justice claimed eliminated competition among retail stores. The agreement was filed, along with a civil antitrust suit which it resolved, in U.S. District Court here.

A complaint against Playmobil, headquartered in Dayton, N.J., was brought to the department by the Pennsylvania attorney general's office.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to work with the EPA to develop alternatives to current testing.

The EPA ordered the tests, beginning Jan. 2, in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston-Galveston, Beaumont-Port Arthur and El Paso. All four areas have been found to have excessive air pollution.

The emissions tests were required as part of the federal Clean Air Act to help clean up pollution. Motorists renewing auto registrations in the four areas were required to pass the tests before getting new tags.

But Whitmire said motorists are complaining loudly that the tests are too costly, too time consum-

ing, too inconvenient and in some cases, unnecessary.

"It makes no more sense than to lock up all of us to get the ones that need to be in jail," he said.

Under the legislation, tests stop for three months and licenses can be renewed during that period without them.

During the moratorium, Texas will draft a new testing program that lawmakers say will be easier for motorists to comply with.

However, Whitmire warned, the tests will have to resume unless the federal government changes the law.

"We have no choice whether we have a plan or not. Our federal government, our congressional delegation, have mandated that," he said.

The legislation provides for up to \$8.8 million in loans to companies holding testing contracts with the state.

Whitmire said the bill calls for Tejas Testing Technology to prove its losses before receiving loans to help tide it and subcontractors over until testing resumes.

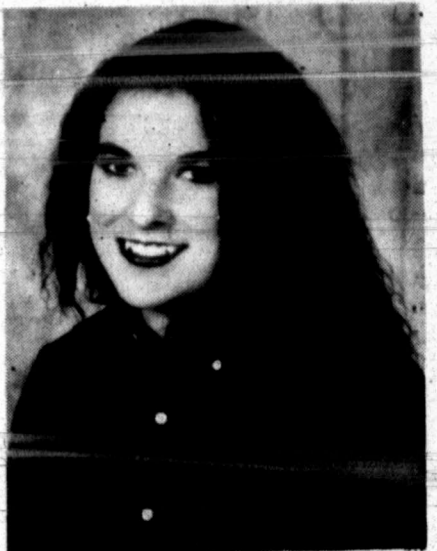
The money would have to be paid back by Aug. 31, 1997, and Whitmire said Tejas had agreed not to sue the state for losses suffered during the moratorium.

Whitmire said he didn't know what the new testing plan might look like.

"If it is not user-friendly, if it does not have a large dosage of common sense, I will not present it to the Legislature," he said.

He suggested it would provide more testing sites, possibly uniting them with safety inspection stations, and perhaps offer "one-stop shopping" where a motorist could have safety and emissions tests and any needed repairs all completed at the same location.

Whitmire said Tejas had only 27 test sites in Harris County when as many as 200 are needed.



REBECCA RAMEY



ALISON BEEKS

Ramey, Beeks on Dean's List

Hermleigh's 1992 honor graduates, Rebecca Ramey and Alison Beeks, are included on McMurry University's 1994 fall Dean's List.

A student must have a 3.5 GPA and a minimum class load of 12 hours to qualify.

Both Ramey and Beeks completed the semester with a 4.0 GPA.

Beeks is an elementary education major, while Ramey is majoring in bilingual education.

Both girls are classified as juniors.

Reed graduates basic training

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, SAN ANTONIO — Air Force Airman Christopher C. Reed has graduated from Air Force basic training.

Reed is the son of Vickie L. and David H. Reed of Hermleigh.

He is a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

The Talmud is the collection of writings that constitute the Jewish civil and religious law.

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Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

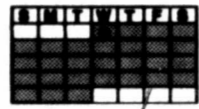
8-6-2
(eight, six, two)

From 1631 through 1944, Italy's Mount Vesuvius never went more than seven years without an eruption, and scientists warn that high explosivity can follow long periods of repose, says National Geographic.

DATE BOOK

Feb. 1, 1995

Today is the 32nd day of 1995 and the 43rd day of winter.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1709, Scottish sailor Alexander Selkirk was rescued from uninhabited Mas a Tierra, one of the Juan Fernandez Islands. He had been left there at his own request after a falling out with his captain and his adventures formed the basis of Daniel Defoe's book "Robinson Crusoe."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Victor Herbert (1859-1924), cellist-conductor; John Ford (1895-1973), director; Clark Gable (1901-1960), actor; Langston Hughes (1902-1967), poet; S.J. Perelman (1904-1979), humorist; Renata Tibaldi (1922-), singer, is 73; Don Everly (1937-), singer, is 58; Sherman Hemsley (1938-), actor, is 57; Brandon Lee (1965-1993), actor; Laura Dern (1967-), actress, is 28; Pauly Shore (1970-), actor-comedian.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1982, Steve Nouri captured the World Alpine Ski Championship, a rare feat for an American.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I like the old masters. By which I mean John Ford, John Ford and John Ford." — Orson Welles.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1936, a rainstorm of three inches was followed by a hailstorm of "jagged lumps of ice" which killed 19 in the Northern Transvaal area of South Africa. Hailstones reportedly accumulated to three feet and some of those killed had to be dug out.

SOURCE: 1995 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 30) and first quarter (Feb. 7).

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French revolutionary writer Jean-Paul Marat was murdered in his bath in 1793 by Charlotte Corday.

Berry's World



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Painting on display has links to Snyder

A painting now featured in the WTC Fine Arts Gallery — part of works on loan from the Big Country Art Association — has links to Snyder for both the artist and the featured subject.

The painting is a pastel entitled "Tea Party" and its artist is Julia

Spanish class set at WTC

Beginning Conversational Spanish will be offered through the Continuing Education office of Western Texas College with classes starting Wednesday, Feb. 8. The primary aim of the course is to teach beginning communication skills.

Robert Adams, WTC professor of history and Spanish, will be the instructor for the course. Classes are to meet in Building 2C, Room 103, from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesdays through April 26. Cost for the course is \$52 which includes tuition, fees and textbook.

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call the WTC Continuing Education Office at 573-8511, ext. 390.

Griffin, formerly a WTC student and the daughter of Shine Griffin of Snyder. It features a small girl at play and the model for the work is a then-3-year-old Penny Dryden, daughter of Pat and Cindy Dryden of Webster and the granddaughter of Bill and Ellie Dryden of Snyder.

The painting was based on a photograph taken of a tea party given at her home by Ellie Dryden for her granddaughter and friends. Shine Griffin attended the party and she provided the photo to her daughter, who then based her painting on it.

Julia Griffin is a member of the Big Country Art Association and a first grade teacher in Abilene. She attended WTC for two years before transferring to Hardin-Simmons, where she later earned her master's degree.

The association's art display will run through Friday in the WTC gallery, located in the foyer of the Fine Arts Building. It allows for considerably different art styles by several artists.

Pieces can be described anywhere from contemporary to modern style. Techniques present include oils and pastels, photographs and computer prints.

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Higher interest rates may hurt economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another dose of Federal Reserve interest rate increases could send the economy into reverse, private economists say.

Congressional Democrats are joining that chorus, insisting that inflation is nowhere in sight and urging Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues to hold off on pushing interest rates any higher.

Nonetheless, with only limited signs the economy is slowing from its strong and steady growth pace, the Federal Reserve was meeting

to decide whether to boost short-term interest rates for the seventh time in a year.

Its policy-making Federal Open Market Committee was wrapping up a two-day meeting today, and analysts predicted the central bank would boost interest rates again.

"Generally the Fed receives less criticism from taking vigorous action than from doing nothing at all," said economist Michael Evans, who heads a forecasting service in Boca Raton, Fla.

But he said the economy is sending confusing signals, citing

the housing industry in particular.

"We have never seen a pattern where all the underlying data point to a decline but all of the Commerce Department data point to an increase," Evans said. Unusually mild weather in the fall and early winter could have caused a seasonal glitch in the data, he said, and a slowdown soon will be revealed.

Analysts predicted the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates a half percentage point today, on top of the 2.5 percentage points in increases since February 1994.

"Banks' prime lending rate, a benchmark for many consumer and business loans, has been moving in lock step with the Fed's rate increases and stands at 8.5 percent.

At a news conference Tuesday, more than 20 House Democrats said higher rates threaten to plunge the country into a recession.

"Don't do it, Mr. Greenspan. Leave interest rates alone," said Rep. David Bonior of Michigan, the second-ranking Democrat in

the House. "If we raise interest rates again, it will be like throwing a bucket of ice water on the U.S. economy."

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said higher rates in the United States contributed to the Mexican currency crisis by encouraging investors to withdraw their capital from south of the border.

"Alan Greenspan is a very nice man, but he is a rotten neighbor," Frank said.

The Fed last raised rates on Nov. 15, when it boosted two key rates by three-fourths of a percentage point, the biggest single increase in 13 years.

Greenspan has said the economy was growing at a "very torrid rate" at the end of last year, but he predicted a slowing in 1995. Analysts said that could mean the Fed will be content to sit on the sidelines for at least a few months after today's anticipated increase.

Economists stressed that a big question mark is how long it takes higher interest rates to work their way through the economy and slow consumer spending as borrowing becomes more costly.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-4158 or 573-1579; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; "Identification and Care of House Plants," by Sandra Browning; hostesses, Geleska Baze and Gertrude League; 9:30 a.m.

Defensive Driving Class; Snyder Savings & Loan; 6-9 p.m. Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30-8 p.m. SOS (Singles of Snyder) volleyball and games; First Baptist Church Family Life Center; 7 p.m.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7 p.m. Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3308 or 573-2101.

Bilingual Group of Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for more information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center, 9:30-11 a.m. Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd. Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Defensive Driving Class; Snyder Savings & Loan; 6-9 p.m. Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 863-2349; (Last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.



Siblings Drafted to Baby-Sit Often Serve With Resentment

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I agree with you that, traditionally, older children have been expected to look after their younger siblings — as well as shovel snow, mow the lawn and rake the leaves. However, just because it's traditional doesn't make it right. It's not fair to the older child.

My husband has been involved with a teen youth group for many years. Meetings are held on Fridays. All too often, a youngster will phone my husband on Friday night and say, "Sorry, I can't make it tonight. I have to baby-sit my little brother (or sister)."

Abby, it is very unfair to the teen-agers. The parents just assume that their own plans are more important than their children's. Naturally, the kids end up being resentful.

A SCOUTER'S WIDOW

DEAR WIDOW: Yours is the majority opinion — and did I ever get letters about my answer! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You certainly missed the point. The 9-year-old who was taken to Mom's beauty parlor and had to watch his baby brother while Mom got a manicure didn't need a lesson in parenthood. He is not learning parenting skills — he is learning how it feels to be used, and is probably developing a huge dose of resentment.

If a child assumes the role of baby sitter, Mom should pay him/her accordingly. That way, both sides win!

KIDS ARE PEOPLE, TOO

DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your response to "Firstborn, California," the 34-year-old who had always been saddled with looking after her younger siblings.

I am the youngest of seven children and, along with my two brothers, I was cared for by our older sisters. Mother gave them almost full responsibility for our preschool care. The feelings of rejection and confusion have left scars.

Helping to make a family a close working unit is good. It's a must for future life, but the parent needs to be in control.

At the age of 70, I still have to work at not letting my sisters boss me around. It seems to have gotten worse with age — theirs and mine — along with the deaths of our two brothers.

Abby, this is what "Firstborn" was trying to say: You missed the boat! Don't you think that a mom who can afford a manicure should

have made better arrangements to amuse and care for her children while she was there? I do!

LAST BORN IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ABBY: I was the oldest of 10 children. I had to take care of my younger brothers and sisters. I had to feed, bathe and dress them. In fact, that's all I did. My only "freedom" was school, but right after school, I had to go straight home to take care of my little sisters and brothers.

I couldn't get involved in any school activities — sports, choir, the class play — anything that would require my staying after school was out for me.

Naturally, I couldn't accept a date (not that the boys were breaking my door down), but when a boy did take a liking to me, I couldn't let him come to the house because it was full of kids who needed my services.

Naturally, I was resentful and angry, and a chronically angry person isn't very good company, so to make a long story short — guess who never got married?

ME IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61064-0447. (Postage is included.)

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The language of communication

Most of the time, it is lucky we are all different. Sir Edward Appleton, who won the 1947 Nobel Prize in physics for his work in studying the ionosphere, said, "I do not mind what language an opera is sung in so long as it is a language I don't understand." I'm not fond of opera because it is usually sung in a language I don't understand.

In bridge, it is no good making a bid or defensive play if your partner doesn't understand your language — the message you are trying to transmit.

Today's deal features the sort of defensive disaster that is possible if you haven't discussed signaling agreements with your partner.

You are defending against three no-trump. Your partner leads the heart three and declarer calls for dummy's queen. With which card do you signal from 9-7-6-2?

One school plays that when you cannot beat dummy's card, you signal count. Presumably they would contribute the seven. But then what would they play from J-7-6-2? Presumably the seven too.

However, the jack is the critical card. Its importance is apparent from the full deal. After winning the first trick, declarer will take a diamond finesse. It loses, leaving South a trick short as long as West doesn't play another heart. But on a different layout, if East has the heart jack, it might be vital to continue the heart attack.

So, if you have the jack, encourage with a high spot-card; if you don't, discourage. Here, you drop the two. When you might have a useful honor, the attitude signal should be retained as the top priority.

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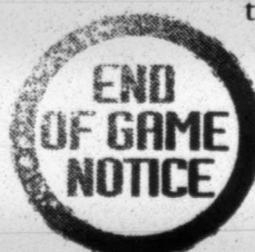
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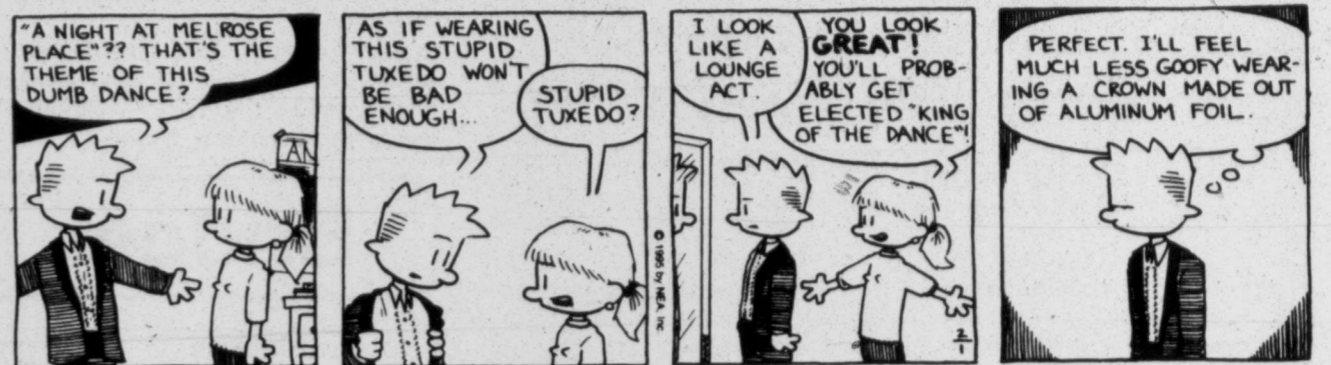
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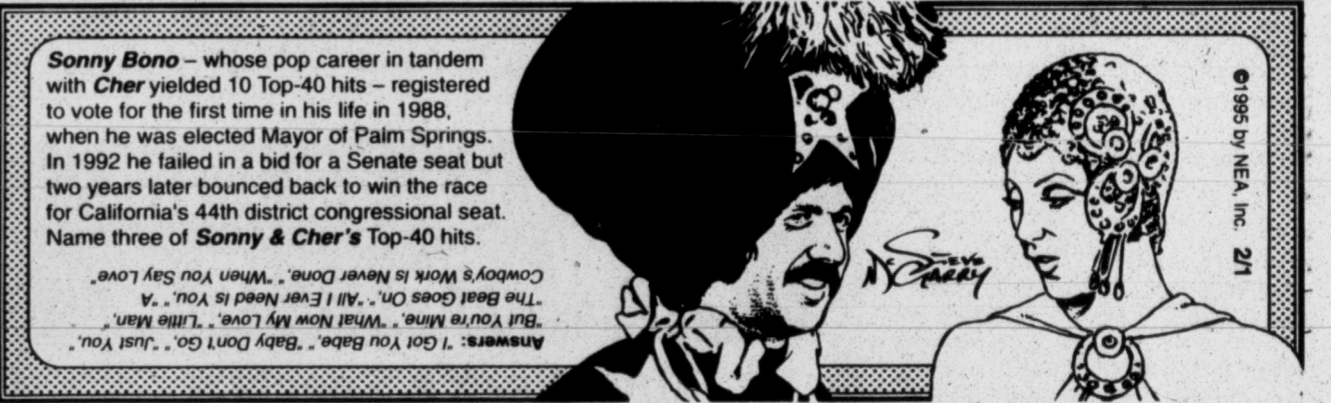
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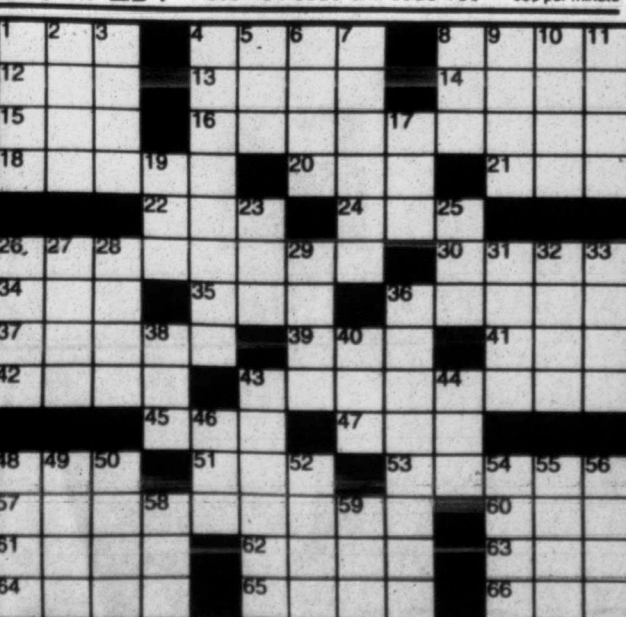
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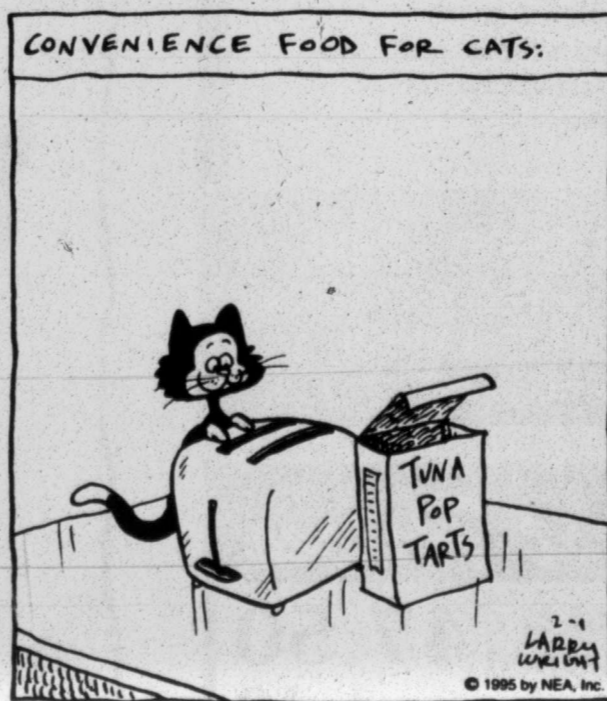
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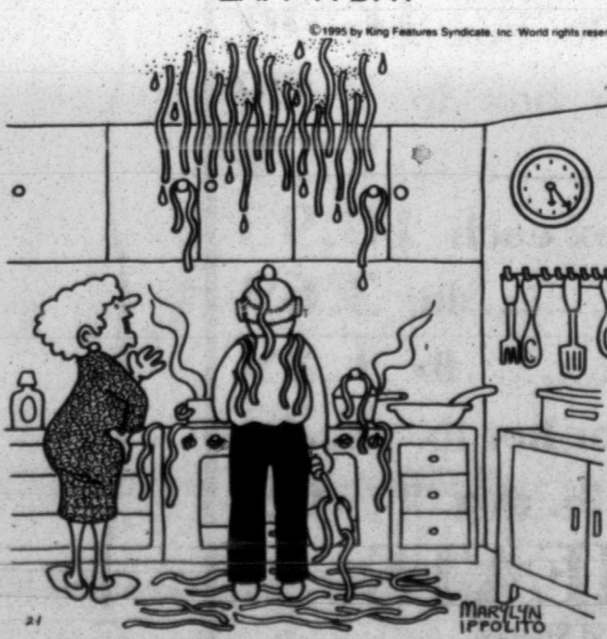
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Sports

Hermleigh-Ira split showdown

By TODD STANLEY
SDN Sports Editor

The Scurry County showdown Tuesday night between Hermleigh and Ira proved to be less like a showdown and more like a knockdown.

"We played probably our best game when it counted the most."
—Ira's Coach Mebane

Both schools came away with convincing District 26-A wins, as the Hermleigh Cardinals toasted Ira 79-55 and the Ira Lady Bulldogs blasted Hermleigh 63-30.

In the girls' game, Ira jumped out to a commanding 34-13 first half lead that was never challenged.

"We played probably our best game when it counted the most," Ira head coach Tim Mebane said. "All the girls came out and hustled the entire game."

Ira (14-9, 3-0) took a one-game lead in league play with the win over Hermleigh (5-16, 2-1).

"It was good to beat them here on our home court," Mebane said. "I know they will be ready for us when we have to go over there. They are a tough team."

Mebane said that he understands Hermleigh has been dealing with a little bit of hard luck.

"They (Hermleigh) lost some good players last year," he said. "But I wouldn't want to count them out. They'll be back for sure."

One of the key's for the Lady Bulldogs in the contest was the interior play of Kasey Calley and Misty Chance, who pulled down 10 rebounds each.

"They (Calley and Chance) did a great job for us tonight on the glass," Mebane said. "When you work hard, you get rewarded and this was their reward."

Calley added 12 points to go along with her rebounds and Chance scored 10.

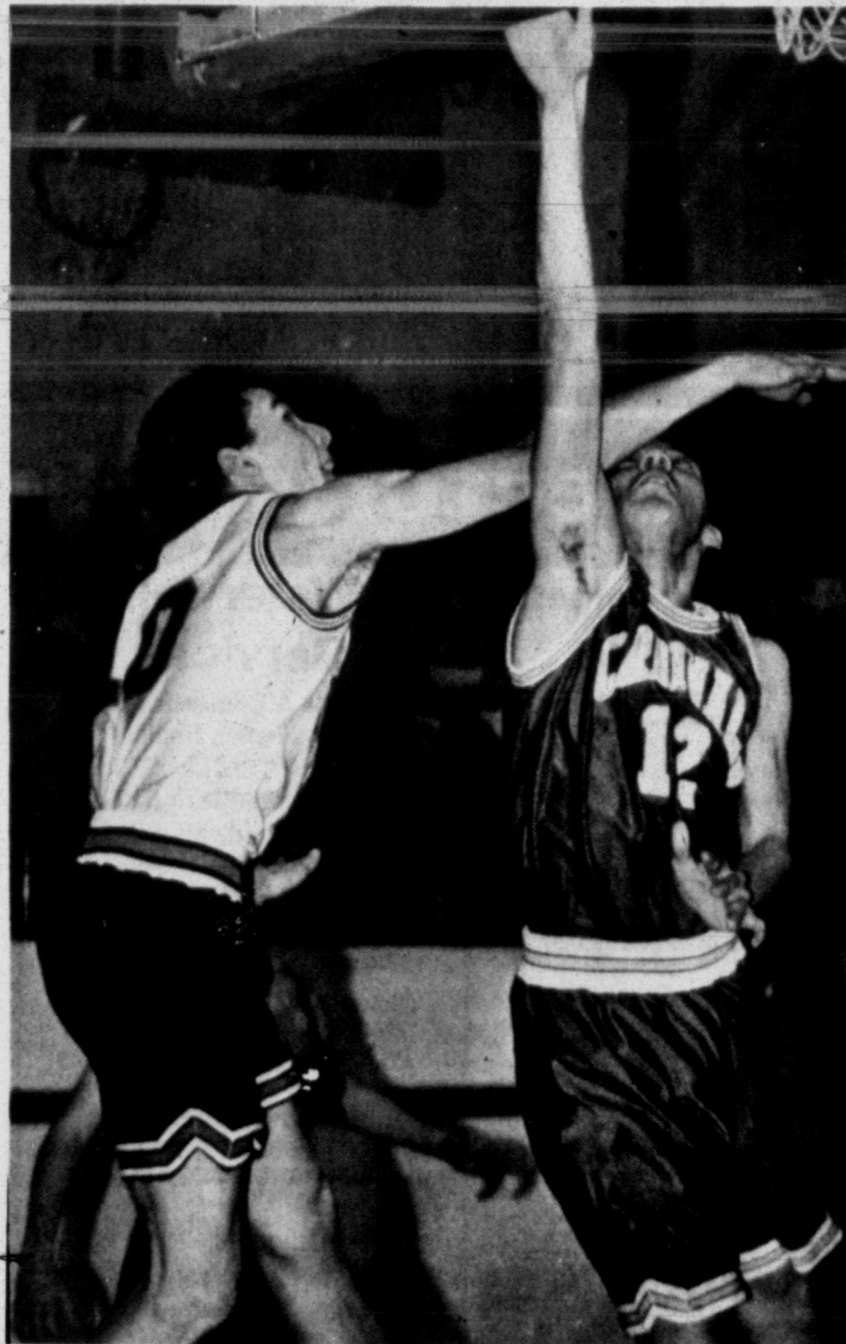
The leading scorer, however, for the Lady Bulldogs was Jody Rankin. Rankin scored a game-high 16 points. Kelly Gonzalez led the Lady Cardinals with nine.

In the boys' game, Hermleigh rolled over the Bulldogs thanks to a strong team outing.

Jack Hudgins led the Cardinals with 17 points, Ricky Sosa scored 14 and Jimmy Digby added 13 in the win.

Hermleigh (10-13, 3-0) raced out to a 16-7 lead in the first quarter, before taking a 37-21 advantage into halftime.

Ira (1-18, 0-3) was unable to get back in the game in the second half, despite getting 19 points from Heath Mathis and 11 from Judd Rodgers.



HACKED IN THE ACT — Hermleigh's Larry Lambaren gets hammered on the way to the basket by Ira's Eddie Brasuel during Tuesday night's action. Hermleigh trounced the Bulldogs 79-55 in Ira. (Photo by Todd Stanley)



FLY BY — Ira's Jody Rankin, center, brings the ball up the court against Hermleigh's Kelly Gonzalez, right, and Michelle Roemisch during Tuesday's Scurry County showdown. Ira overmatched the Lady Cardinals 63-30 at home. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

SHS freshmen tag Abilene

Snyder freshmen girls take on Lubbock Evans at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Frenship High School.

The young Tigers come into the game following a 46-43 victory over Abilene on Monday. Halea Huestis and Amanda Huff led the Lady Tigers with 14 points each. Jamie Burleson scored 10.

On Saturday, Snyder fell to Lubbock, 45-38. Melanie Kidd copped 11 points for Snyder while Huestis scored nine and Kristy Bollinger had six.

Snyder JV wins again

Chalk up two more victories for the Snyder junior varsity basketball teams.

The Tigers won their second straight District 5-4A game after losing their first four in a row, while the Lady Tigers also took care of the business at hand.

Sweetwater didn't put up as much of a fight as perhaps one would expect, considering it was playing on its home court.

The boys wrestled away a 38-22 victory from the Mustangs and the girls knocked off the Lady Mustangs 51-34.

In the last meeting between the two teams, Sweetwater came up with a 30-point blowout victory over the Tigers in Snyder.

"We came into tonight's game determined to get a win and we did," Snyder head coach Joe Young said. "It's always hard to come in here and win games."

Snyder (6-20, 2-5) jumped out to a 14-9 halftime advantage, but put the Mustangs away in the second 24-13 to get the victory.

"We pressed the whole game and it paid off in terms of Mustang turnovers," Young said. "We played great defense."

Matthew Fambro led the team in scoring with 15 points, while Donnie Durst added nine.

Jason Crunk scored six for the Tigers and Richard Canas added four.

Tigers tamed by S'water

By TODD STANLEY
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Frustration, frustration and more frustration for the Snyder Tigers.

The latest episode of disappointment came at the hands of the Sweetwater Mustangs Tuesday, as the hosts defeated Snyder 59-47 in District 5-4A play.

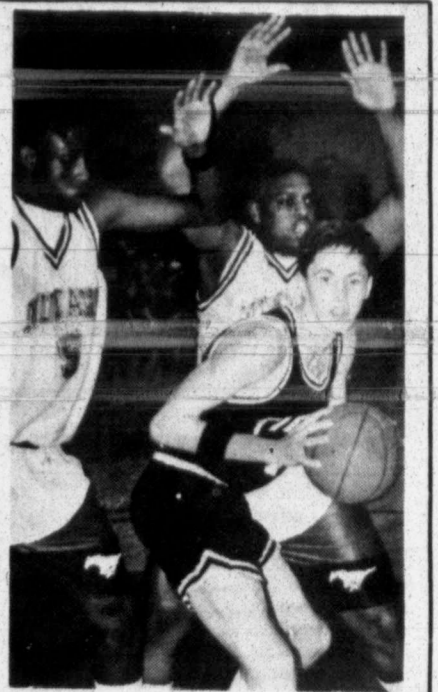
Sweetwater (12-13, 3-3) took advantage of missed opportunities by the Tigers (11-15, 0-6) early in the first half, as the jumped out to an 28-15 first half lead.

"We played hard, there was good effort, but the ball just would not go in," Snyder head coach Bud Birks said. "We got all the shots we wanted out of our offense, but for some reason or another they wouldn't fall."

The Tigers missed 15 shots from point-blank range during the course of the ballgame, including eight in the first half alone.

The shots weren't falling from the outside either, as Snyder couldn't find the range from three point land.

Over the course of the season, the 3-pointer has been a big part of the Tigers' offense. They have hit over 40 percent from long distance.



CAGED TIGER — Snyder's Rick Henderson looks for a way out of trouble against Sweetwater's Robert Reed, left, and Travis Black, right, Tuesday night. The hometown Mustangs knocked off Snyder 59-47. (Photo by Todd Stanley)

In Tuesday's game, Snyder shot just 2 of 15 or 11 percent.

"A lot of teams in this predicament would have given up and packed the season in," Birks said. "This team keeps showing me that they aren't ready to do that."

Snyder hosts the Frenship Tigers at 8 p.m. Friday.

In Lady Tigers' action, Snyder fell to 10-18 on the season, 4-4 in district play with a 53-48 loss to the Lady Mustangs.

Erica Garvin led the team with 15 points.

District 5-4A Glance

Team	MEN			WOMEN		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Levelland	6	0	1.000	24	4	.857
Estacado	4	2	.666	17	9	.654
Sweetwater	3	3	.500	12	13	.480
Lamesa	3	3	.500	11	18	.379
Frenship	2	4	.333	12	15	.444
Snyder	0	6	.000	11	15	.423

Friday's results: Estacado 60, Snyder 52; Levelland 61, Frenship 44; Lamesa 61, Sweetwater 60.

Tuesday's results: Sweetwater 59, Snyder 47; Levelland 62, Estacado 58; Frenship 81, Lamesa 71.

NHL Glance

Team	MEN			WOMEN		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Levelland	7	1	.875	26	2	.929
Frenship	7	1	.875	22	7	.759
Snyder	4	4	.500	10	18	.357
Lamesa	4	4	.500	8	20	.286
Sweetwater	2	6	.250	6	20	.231
Estacado	0	8	.000	4	21	.160

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TOP 25 SCOREBOARD					
Rank	Team	Opponent	Score	Rank	Team
No. 3	Kansas	99	Colorado	77	
No. 4	Connecticut	82	Miami	57	
No. 8	Arkansas	105	LSU	81	
EAST					
	Boston College	74	Pittsburgh	69	
	Canisius	89	Niagara	75	
	Maine	71	Dartmouth	60	
	New Hampshire	73	Harvard	64	
	Rider	77	Fairleigh Dickinson	66	
	St. Francis, NY	87	Yale	77	
SOUTH					
	Alcorn St.	92	Tougaloo	84	
	Old Dominion	69	East Carolina	66	
MIDWEST					
	Bradley	73	Drake	55	
	Purdue	76	Indiana	66	
SOUTHWEST					
	Grambling St.	78	Ark.-Pine Bluff	77	
	Texas A&M	79	Southern Meth.	60	
FAR WEST					
	Boise St.	77	Cal Poly-SLO	68	
WOMEN					
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High levels of natural estrogen linked to breast cancer in study

WASHINGTON (AP) — Breast cancer is two to four times more likely to develop in women who have high levels of natural estrogen, New York University School of Medicine researchers report.

In a study published today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, the scientists say that a comparison of estrogen levels in stored blood samples of 130 women with breast cancer with frozen specimens from 251 cancer-free women of the same age showed a strong correlation between the natural hormone and the disease.

"In the highest exposure group, we observe between a two- and fourfold increase in breast cancer," said Dr. Paolo G. Toniolo of NYU. "The implication is that whatever in the environment may push the level of hormones in a woman's body to a higher level may cause her risk of breast cancer to increase."

The study is the largest yet to address the relationship between natural estrogen and breast cancer, said Toniolo. It is based on blood samples that were drawn years before any breast cancer was diagnosed. The specimens were frozen for up to 5 1/2 years and then thawed to perform the analysis, he said.

Toniolo said the study results cannot be related to any cancer risk that might be linked to estrogen therapy, the practice of giving postmenopausal women hormone drugs to combat bone thinning or heart disease.

Women in the study had a mean age of 58.9 years and all had been in menopause for at least six months, based on the absence of a menstrual cycle.

Levels of estrogen of all of the women were within what is considered a normal range, said Toniolo, but the levels were up to 32 percent higher among those with breast cancer.

Robert Smith, Ph.D., an epidemiologist with the American Cancer Society, said the research

is important because it is the first large study that specifically confirms the link between natural estrogen and breast cancer.

Though there have been studies implying a connection, said Smith, "there really has been a paucity of direct evidence linking endogenous estrogens to breast cancer."

Toniolo said the research concentrated on two components of estrogen, estradiol and estrone, and found that breast cancer risk increased when these hormones were circulating freely in the blood at the highest levels.

Estradiol will chemically bind with a protein called sex hormone-binding globulin, or SHBG. This changes the way in which the hormone can interact with cells, a function called bioavailability.

Diagnosed cancer cases up, but mortality rates down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Diagnosed cancer cases increased sharply among men and women in the United States from the early 1970s to the early 1990s but cancer deaths rose at a much smaller rate, says the National Cancer Institute.

Led by a 65.6 percent increase in prostate cancer, the incidence of carcinogenic disease among men rose by 18.6 percent from 1975-1979 to 1987-1991, the institute says in the February issue of its monthly journal.

The cancer rate among women rose 12.4 percent between the same two periods, led by a 26.2 percent increase in reported breast cancers.

However, the institute said the increases in both breast and prostate cancers appear to result from earlier detections associated with increased use of mammography and other diagnostic techniques.

National mortality rates for all cancers increased at a much slower pace between the two time periods — 3 percent for men and 6 percent for women — and actually

declined among both males and females in all age groups under 55. The institute said increasing exposure to general environmental hazards "seems unlikely to have had a major impact on the overall trends" but noted the rising rates for certain tumors "have been clearly influenced" by factors such as smoking, AIDS and exposure to sunlight.

"Cigarette smoking is the major determinant" in a 65 percent increase of lung cancer among women, the report said, and the HIV virus had led to increases in non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and Kaposi's sarcoma among young and middle-aged men.

Evel Knievel in court

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Evel Knievel is jumping legal hurdles these days, trying to persuade a Superior Court jury that a hotel pulled a dangerous stunt by giving a friend a key to his room.

Knievel contends that Clarence Paulsen III entered the room, saw his ex-girlfriend in Knievel's bed and attacked Knievel. Paulsen denies any fight occurred.

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Obituaries



REV. KEN COFFEY
Rev. Ken Coffey
1926-1995

MEXIA — Services were held Tuesday at in the Blair-Stubbs Chapel in Mexia for the Rev. Kendall L. (Ken) Coffey, 68, who died Saturday at his residence at Lake Mexia. Burial was in the Point Enterprise Cemetery.

He was a former minister of Snyder's First Christian Church. He also pastored churches in Dallas, Waco, Hurst, Vernon and Lucas and the Mexia First Christian Church from May, 1963, to August, 1967, and again from 1988 to 1991.

Born April 20, 1926, in Anson, he was a graduate of Britte Divinity College at TCU and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the Lions Club, Ministerial Alliance and participated in several civic activities.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Jean Coffey of Lake Mexia; a son, Steve Coffey of Lake Mexia; a daughter, Karen Lorraine Ross of Waco; two foster daughters, Geraldine Warden of Gulfport, Miss., and Lea Vann of

Vernon; four brothers, John Coffey of Virginia, Donald Coffey, David Coffey and Wayland Coffey, all of Abilene; four sisters, Koils Wilkinson of Abilene, Doris DuBose of Rusk, Mary Hopkins of Abilene, and Linda White of Spring; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Beulah Hooper

1908-1995

Services are set for 4 p.m. Thursday in the East Side Church of Christ for Mrs. Beulah Mae Hooper, 86, of Snyder who died Monday in her home after a brief illness.

Tom Holcomb, minister of the church, will officiate and burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on Oct. 9, 1908, in Whitney, she married Oscar Hooper on May 1, 1926, in Roby. He died on Feb. 19, 1984. Mrs. Hooper lived most of her life in Scurry County and was a member of East Side Church of Christ.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda Bennett of Snyder; one son, Larry Hooper of the home; five grandchildren, Diana Blanco, Michelle Rose, Renee Tomlin, Stacey West and Tracey West, all of Dallas; three sisters, Ladell Yardley of Arlington, Wadie Smith of California and Marjorie Armstrong of Newcastle, Calif.; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Grandsons and great-grandsons will be pallbearers.

Mrs. Huddleston

1921-1995

Service is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Bell-Cyert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel for Gladys Ann Huddleston, 73, who died at 1:25 p.m. Monday at her home following a lengthy illness.

Officiating will be the Rev. C.J. Smith, retired Baptist minister, assisted by Leroy Ochoa of Knapp Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born in Thibodaux, La., she married Delphin Leon Bowles on July 28, 1939 in Hannville, La. He died in 1966. She later married Cecil Huddleston on March 5, 1970, and he died in 1980.

Mrs. Huddleston, a homemaker, moved to the Knapp community in 1958 and had been an active member of the Knapp Baptist Church since that time. Mrs. Huddleston was also active in the Knapp Home Demonstration Club and in various bridge and domino groups.

Survivors include two daughters, Dorothy Bowles of Knox-

ville, Tenn. and Mary Purswell of Snyder; a brother, Sidney Cancienne of Marrero, La.; a sister, Estelle Duboise of Marrero, La.; two grandchildren, Robin Velasquez of Snyder and Scott Sharp of Ira; and three great-grandchildren.

Harmon Curlee

1931-1995

CLAREMORE, Okla. — Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church for Harmon Kiefer Curlee, founder and editor of the Sunrise Reporter who died Tuesday. Burial will follow in the Oakhaven Cemetery.

He was the brother of Icy Foree of Snyder.

Born the son of H.I. and Sylvia Curlee in 1931 in Rotan, he graduated from Roby High School and completed two years of college. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. On May 20, 1962, he married Sharlene Merriott in Joplin, Mo., and they had lived in Claremore since 1962.

Mr. Curlee served as mayor of Claremore during 1971-1973. He was past president of the Gideons International, Claremore Rotary Club, community theater, community concert association; past chairman of Claremore Industrial Authority; past director of Rogers County Homebuilders Assn., Claremore Camp, and Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Assn.

He was a member of the Spirit of Grace Fellowship, Claremore Area Chamber of Commerce, Claremore Quarterback Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Adult Chapter, Claremore Sermon Club, American Legion Post 141, Claremore Masonic Lodge 53, and Tulsa Scottish Rite.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Ellen Ross.

Survivors include his wife, Sharlene Curlee of Claremore; a daughter and son-in-law, Dixie and David Sheridan of Claremore; a son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Anna Curlee of Norman; two other sisters, Lorene Stuart of Roby and Mrs. Lu Hull of Catoosa; two brothers, T.R. Curlee of Colorado City and H.L. Curlee of Roby; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Quake damage estimate put at \$130 billion

TOKYO (AP) — Damage from the Kobe earthquake probably will top \$130 billion, far exceeding recent estimates, the head of Japan's leading business group said today.

The estimate by Shoichiro Toyoda, chairman of the Federation of Economic Organizations, marks the latest jump in a string of rising calculations of quake damage.

Early estimates put the damage figure as low as \$30 billion, and the government of Hyogo prefecture, where Kobe is the largest city and most damage was concentrated, earlier this week estimated a rebuilding cost of \$85.5 billion.

Cuban refugees on way home

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — As salsa music pulsed from speakers, 100 Cuban refugees today walked past a sign wishing them good luck and onto a plane headed for a place that belied the festive atmosphere — the island they'd risked their lives to flee.

The Cubans, guarded by 50 U.S. soldiers, were the first of about 500 being returned today, the first day of a program to remove

them from Panama. Twelve hundred U.S. troops have been flown to Panama to provide extra strength for the unpopular operation.

Since September, nearly 8,500 Cubans who fled their country on rafts and inner tubes have slept in military cots in camps surrounded by chain-link fences topped with razor wire. They were brought to Panama from the U.S. naval base

at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, because of overcrowding.

Hospital Notes

ADMISSIONS: Mamie Carlton, 2201 44th; Fleecie Humble, Colorado City; Shirley Groce, 7861 N. Highway 84; Jana Price, 1330 CR 452; Frances Roth, 4400 College Ave. No. 109.

DISMISSALS: Cynthia Jackson, S.W. Trevey, Audray Pollard, Roemer baby, Ty Springer. Census: 48 (Med-13, Long-term Care-32, CCU-2, OB-1).

Births

David and Lisa Tate announce the birth of their seven-pound, three-ounce daughter, Aaron Nicole, born at 1:48 p.m. on Jan. 24 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Grandparents are John and Jeane Loyola and John D. and Jimmie Tate, all are of Snyder. Great-grandmother is Maurine Hunt of Tyler.

Markets Midday Stocks

NEW YORK (AP)	High	Low	Last
AMR Corp	563/4	561/2	561/2 +3/8
AT&T Corp	50	49 3/4	49 3/4 -1/8
AirTouch	283/8	273/4	283/8 +3/4
Albertsons	293/4	293/8	293/4 -1/8
AllSignal s	36	35 5/8	35 7/8 +1/8
Alltel	285/8	281/2	285/8 +1/4
AmStores	231/2	231/4	231/4 -1/4
Ameritech	441/4	433/4	433/4 -1/8
Amoco	58	57 5/8	57 3/4 -1/4
AndarkPtr	38 5/8	37 7/8	38 -1/4
Arncolac	61/2	61/4	61/4 -1/8
AtRichFld	106 5/8	105 7/8	106 -1/2
ATMOS Egs	165/8	163/8	165/8 +1/4
Aviall	73/8	71/4	71/4
BakerHughes	175/8	171/2	175/8
BancTexas	7/8	7/8	7/8
BellAtl	54 5/8	54 1/4	54 1/4
BellSouth	59 1/2	59	59 1/8 -1/8
BethSteel	16	15 3/4	15 3/4 -1/8
Borden	131/2	133/8	133/8
BriPet	781/8	77 7/8	78 1/8 +1/2
Caterpillar s	51 1/2	51 1/8	51 3/8
CenSoWst	245/8	241/4	241/2 +1/8
Chevron s	45 1/8	44 1/8	44 7/8 +1/4
Chrysler	45 1/2	44 7/8	45 3/8 +1/2
Coastal	27 1/8	26 1/2	26 1/2 -1/2
CocaCola	52 7/8	52 5/8	52 5/8 +1/8
ColgatePalm	62 5/8	62	62 -7/8
Cooperla	38 1/4	37 7/8	37 7/8 -3/8
CyprusAmaz	27 5/8	27	27 1/2 +5/8
DeltaAirl	54	53 5/8	53 5/8 -1/4
DigitalEq	34 1/2	34	34 1/2 +5/8
Dillard	26 1/2	26 1/8	26 3/8 +1/8
DowChem	62 3/4	62 3/8	62 3/8 +3/8
DresserInd	19 7/8	19 5/8	19 3/4 +1/4
DuPont	53 3/4	53 1/8	53 3/8 +1/8
EastmanChem	50	49 3/4	49 7/8 +1/8
EstKodak	48 3/4	47 7/8	48 -1/8
EljerInd	6	5 7/8	6 +1/8
Enserch	13	12 7/8	13
Entergy	24 3/8	24 1/8	24 1/4 -1/8
Exxon	62 5/8	62 1/8	62 1/8 -3/8
FlowerInd	17 7/8	17 7/8	17 7/8 -1/8
FordMotor s	25 3/4	24 3/4	25 5/8 +3/8
GTE Cp	33 7/8	33 3/4	33 3/4 -1/4
GenDynam s	43	42 7/8	42 7/8 -1/4
GenElec s	51 5/8	51	51 1/8 +3/8
GenMills	56 7/8	56 5/8	56 3/4 +1/8
GenMotors	39 5/8	39 1/8	39 5/8 -3/4
GenMotors E	38 3/4	38 1/2	38 5/8 +1/4
GalPacif	72 1/8	71 5/8	71 7/8 -1/8
GlobalMar	37 7/8	37 3/4	37 3/4
Goodrich	43 5/8	43 3/8	43 5/8 +1/4
Goodyear s	36	35 3/4	36
GiAtIPac	18 3/4	18 3/8	18 3/8 -1/4
Halliburton	36 3/8	36	36 1/8 -1/8
Hansa ADS	18 3/8	18 1/4	18 1/4 -1/8
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IBM	72 3/4	72 1/4	72 5/8 +1/2
IntlPaper	71 3/4	71 1/4	71 5/8 +1/2
JohansJns	58 3/8	57 1/2	57 3/4 -1/8
K mart	13 3/4	13 5/8	13 5/8
Kroger	23 7/8	23 3/4	23 3/4 +1/8
Litton	35 5/8	35 1/4	35 1/4 -1/4
Lowes s	37 1/8	37	37 -1/4
Lubys	22 3/4	22 5/8	22 3/4 +1/4
Maxus	35 7/8	35 1/2	35 1/2
MayDeptStrs	35 5/8	35	35 1/2 +3/8
Medtronic s	59 3/8	59	59 -3/8
Mobil	86 3/4	86 1/4	86 1/4 -1/8
Monsanto	73 1/4	73 1/8	73 1/8 -3/8
Motorola s	59 3/4	59 1/8	59 5/8 +3/8
Nationsbk	46 7/8	46 5/8	46 3/4 +1/8
Navistar	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 3/8 +1/8
NoramEngy	53/8	51/4	51/4 -1/8
Nynex	39 1/2	39 1/4	39 1/4 -1/4
OryxEngy	103/8	101/8	101/8 -1/4
PacTelesis	31	30 3/4	30 3/4 +1/8
PanECp	21 1/8	20 7/8	21 1/8 +1/8
Pennay JC	42 1/8	41 1/2	41 5/8 +1/8
Pennzoil	45 1/4	45	45 1/8 +1/8
PepBoys	33 1/8	32 5/8	33 +3/8
PepsiCo	37 5/8	37 1/8	37 1/2 +5/8
PhilpDodge	53 1/4	52 3/8	53 1/8 +3/4
PhillipPet	31 7/8	31 3/4	31 3/4 -1/8
Polaroid	31 7/8	31 1/2	31 1/2 +3/8
Praxair	20 1/4	20	20 1/8
ProctGamble	65 3/8	64 7/8	64 7/8 -1/4
PubSNWxs	14 1/8	14	14 +1/4
RoyalDutch	112 1/8	111 7/8	111 7/8
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Arrests, reports keep area law officers busy

Three arrests were made Tuesday by local law enforcement agencies for public intoxication, criminal trespass and traffic warrants.

A 71-year-old male was arrested at 34th Street and Avenue M at 2:14 p.m. Tuesday and charged with public intoxication.

Officers arrested a 37-year-old female at 3 p.m. at the police department on warrants for no driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear. She had also been cited for allowing dogs to run at large.

Deputies arrested a 49-year-old male at 4 p.m. at the sheriff's office on a warrant for criminal trespass.

Officers also arrested a 29-year-old male at 1:11 this morning in the 1900 block of Avenue I for driving while intoxicated.

Officers are investigating a report originating at 9:26 a.m. Tuesday from Video One in reference to a customer not returning some tapes to the store.

An offense report was submitted at 1:39 p.m. in reference to a theft from the Snyder Rent Mart Store.

Officers were notified at 2:44 p.m. Tuesday of two forged checks having been passed at the Mr. Payroll office located in the

Snyder Allsup's. An offense report for burglary of a habitation was submitted at 4:05 p.m. in reference to a theft at 3001 Ave. C.

A woman came to the police department at 5:15 p.m. and reported she had found a handgun. An offense report for found property was submitted.

Officers were called to the 700 block of 30th Street at 5:52 p.m. in reference to children writing obscene words on a sidewalk in front of a residence.

A close patrol was requested at 6:07 p.m. of a residence in the 300 block of 35th Street in reference to a pickup being egged.

A suspicious vehicle report was submitted at 8:45 p.m. from the 2300 block of O'Neal Street.

A report of a prowler was made at 11:22 p.m. Tuesday from the 3700 block of Avenue U.

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If you should have to be admitted in a nursing home someday, don't be alarmed if you're asked if you have an advance directive.

Advance directives are documents that indicate your choices for future health care if you become incapacitated and unable to communicate. There are two kinds: living wills, which let your physician know your wishes which describe your preference for life-sustaining treatment. If you are in a terminal condition, or dying, and you sign a living will, it tells your doctor that you don't want any treatment that would prolong your dying and the doctor must go along with your wishes. The second choice you have is a durable power of attorney for health care, which designates someone else to make health care decisions for you if you cannot. This durable power of attorney for health care takes effect when you become unable to make your own decisions and your physician certifies that you lack the capacity to make these decisions.

The purpose of these forms is to give people more control over their medical care. For example, advance directives can keep medical technology from being used on dying patients who would not have wanted it, but cannot communicate their wishes.

Nursing homes are now required by the Texas Department of Health to give residents an opportunity to execute one if they wish. At Snyder Oaks Care Center we give residents an explanation of State Law, and offer different types of advance directives forms. Most residents and their families are relieved to know they can make choices for themselves in advance, rather than leaving the burden to their loved ones. We at Snyder Oaks Care Center feel that it's better to introduce people to advance directives before they go into the nursing home to prevent apprehension of the subject upon admission. We feel you need to think and talk to your physician and family about it.

We encourage our residents and the community to talk over their options for life-prolonging medical technology, with their loved ones and before executing an advance directive.

If you decide to make an advance directive be sure to give a copy to your physician and if you travel, to carry a wallet card indicating the documents existence and location.

Advance directives don't have to be frightening. Even though you may not want to think about the subject when you're being admitted in a nursing home, it is part of our facilities' mission of advocacy for our residents. We want to honor your wishes for medical care and the best way you can be sure we do that is by giving us your directions for that care in writing and in advance.

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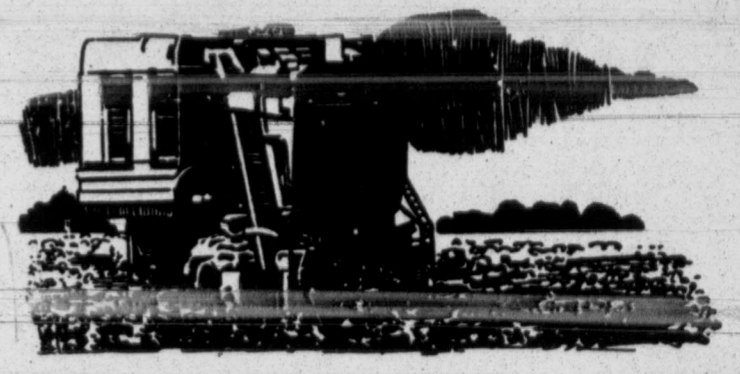
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Town & Country Topics

By Kathryn Roberts
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CFSA Report

By Joe B. Hefner, Acting CFSA Executive Director

There is mounting evidence from laboratory experiments that antioxidants can help prevent some of the chemical steps that lead to cancer, heart attacks, cataracts and even aging. This has resulted in a wide promotion of antioxidants as protection against aging and a variety of serious illnesses. Antioxidants hold so much promise that there may be a tendency to overemphasize their health benefits before all the facts are gathered.

Antioxidants aren't magical. They are vitamins and minerals found in many foods and supplements. Antioxidant food sources are:

- Beta-carotene and Vitamin A — green leafy vegetables such as broccoli, collards, kale and spinach and red, orange and yellow fruits and vegetables such as apricots, cantaloupes, carrot, mango, papaya, peach, pumpkin, sweet potato, tomato, watermelon and winter squash.

- Selenium — cashews, halibut, meat, oysters, salmon, scallops, tuna.

- Vitamin C — broccoli, cantaloupe, oranges, grapefruit, lemons, kiwi, potato, red peppers, strawberries, tomato.

- Vitamin E — almonds, margarine, nuts, seeds vegetable oil, wheat germ.

Although many studies have supported a possible role for antioxidants in protecting against cancer, heart disease and cataracts, there is not a substantial collection of studies that show a definite role for such protection. Different types of studies give different levels of proof — some

Sweetwater cattle auction

The market was steady on a run of 987 head of cattle for the Wed., Jan. 24 sale. Stocker calves steady and active with feeder cattle steady. Fat and plain calves 5 to 10 cwt. lower. Packer cows and bulls steady. Pairs and bred cows higher.

STEERS
—300-400: 90-104.
—400-500: 82-93.
—500-600: 77-83.
—600-700: 74-79.

HEIFERS
—300-400: 82-90.
—400-500: 73-77.
—500-600: 72-77.
—600-700: 67-74.

BRED COWS
—Good: 500-675.
—Older and plainer: 400-500.

PAIRS
—Good: 750-875.
—Older and plainer: 550-700.

PACKER COWS
—Good: 42-48.
—Low yielding: 36-42.

PACKER BULLS
—Good: 54-60.
—Low yielding: 50-54.

Lubbock cattle auction

The market was steady to higher on a run of 1,131 head of cattle for the Jan. 26 sale. Cows were \$2 better other classes were steady. Trading and demand were good.

Slaughter cows, (high dressing - cutters - utility) were 41-47; canners and low cutters, 34 to 40 and slaughter bulls 50 to 58.50.

Feeder steers choice: 300 to 400, 90 to 115; 400 to 500, 82.50 to 105; 500 to 600, 75 to 82.50; 600 to 799, 72.50 to 78.50; 700 to 800, 70 to 74.50.

Feeder heifers choice: 300 to 400, 77.50 to 90; 400 to 500, 72.50 to 82; 500 to 600, 71.50 to 76.50; 600 to 700, 70 to 75; 700 to 800, 69 to 70.

Feeder bulls good and choice: 500 to 600, 72.50 to 82.50; 700 to 800, 65 to 72.50.
Cow and calf pairs: good 600 to 775, grade 400 to 600.

Springers 350 to 650; baby calves 100 to 180; doodlers 150 to 225.

can only suggest a role while others clearly demonstrate it.

Antioxidants are thought to interfere with aging and the disease process by neutralizing harmful molecules in our bodies called free radicals. Our bodies produce free radicals antioxidant during normal metabolism and acquire them from the environment. In the laboratory, free radicals have been shown to disrupt and tear apart important cell structures like membranes and genes, making cancer, heart disease, cataracts and some nerve diseases more likely to develop over time.

In most cases, food is a better source of all nutrients than pills are. A varied eating pattern consisting of foods chosen primarily from among cereals and grains, fruits and vegetables will provide all the essential nutrients needed to maintain good health. A varied eating pattern will also provide hundreds of non-nutrient compounds, called phytochemicals, that can help protect your health as well.

Farm show is set for February 15-16

ABILENE — Burnsville, Minn., KTAB TV, KEAN Radio, the Abilene Reporter News and Champion Farm Shows are pleased to announce the Third Annual Big Country Farm and Ranch Show will be held on Feb. 15 and 16 at the Taylor County Fairgrounds in Abilene.

There is ample parking for attendees and admission is free!

For further information, contact Carl Weinmann at 612-894-8007.

Colorado City livestock auction

COLORADO CITY — All classes of cattle were \$1-2 higher on 1,028 head sold at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Heifers: 200-400, 85-100; 400-600, 75-85; 600-800, 70-75.

Steers: 200-400, 95-110; 400-600, 85-95; 600-800, 72-85.

Bred Cows Good: 550-625; Older: 400-500.

Pairs: Good: 700-825; Older: 500-600.

Packer cows: Good: 46-49; Fat: 39-42; Old Shelley: 25-36.

Good packer bulls: 53-60; Fat packer bulls: 46-50; Stocker bulls: 65-75.

President Clinton has signed into law a restructuring plan for USDA. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) will now operate under the name Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA). CFSA will administer the same programs as before with the addition of the Federal Crop Insurance Program and the Farm Credit Programs of the FmHA. FmHA is now called the Rural Economic and Community Development Agency

(RECD) and will administer the housing loan program. SCS will be known as the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and will continue to administer their current programs.

A meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 2 from 9 until 11 a.m. in Room A of the Scurry County Coliseum. Provisions of the 1994 Disaster Program, 1995 Crop Insurance Requirements, and the 1995 Acreage Reduction Program will be discussed. Be-

cause of the requirement for 1995 participating producers to purchase a minimum level of insurance and changes to the 1994 Disaster Program, this will be an important meeting.

Applications are being accepted until March 31 for the 1994 Disaster Program. Assistance is available to producers who have suffered yield and/or quality losses exceeding 35% of normal production for insured crops or 40% for uninsured crops. In addition to the qualifying loss, to be eligible, the crop must have been timely certified and an ASCS-574 must have been timely filed prior to destruction of the crop. Non-program crop producers must be able to prove the crop was planted for commercial purposes. A major change in the program for 1994 is the unharvested payment factor from prior year programs is the 3 tier payment rate. Tier factors or as follows: Wheat — harvested 100%, unharvested 83%, prevented planting 50%; Sorghum — harvested 100%, unharvested 80%, prevented planting 55%; Barley — harvested 100%, unharvested 80%, prevented planting 50%; Oats — harvested 100%, unharvested 75%, prevented planting 40%; Cotton — harvested 100%, unharvested

70%, prevented planting 40%.

For any crop on which you are applying for disaster benefits, you will need to furnish production evidence. ASCS 503 forms or bale listings from the gin are acceptable for cotton. Recap sheets showing average loan price for your cotton are also needed if you are applying for a quality adjustment. If the average loan price for the harvested cotton on your farm is less than 47.50 cents, then you may qualify for a quality adjustment. For nonprogram crops, acceptable evidence is a settlement sheet, scale tickets supported by other evidence showing disposition, and sales documents showing the names of the buyer, producer, crop, and quantity of crop sold. Sales documents must be signed by the buyer. Crops planted on ACR, CUPay, or GHOST acreage do not qualify for disaster benefits. Call 573-0171 for an appointment.

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The Emu Report

By Shirley Pate, Pato Emu Farm

To a great extent, the future of your rati business depends on choosing excellent breeding stock. Every industry has to have people who are willing to put a great deal of time, effort and ability into any new venture. Raising emu is just such a new industry with the advantage of having fun as well as making profits.

Whether you start with breeders or chicks there are a number of steps a new rati breeder can take to ensure they are starting on the right path to success.

1. Shop around! Don't be afraid to pay a little more for top quality.
2. Buy from an established breeder.
3. Ask for references — names and phone numbers.
4. Give the reference a call.
5. Is there after sale support?
6. Visit the breeder's facilities and ask questions: Does the breeder keep production records? What kind of guarantee does he give? Does he have enough breeders to give you unrelated pairs? Ask as many questions as possible.

We as breeders are pleased to answer all and every question. They may seem foolish to you, but it's better to ask them now than later.

Learn as much as possible. Once you are satisfied with the breeder to buy from there are a few pointers as to what to look for when choosing your birds. A good quality breeding age emu should have the following characteristics:

1. Microchipped and visual identification such as leg tags or leg bands. Microchips are your backup and final ID.
 2. Unrelated.
 3. Good bone structure — strong healthy legs, no humped back, knock knees, twisted neck or deformities.
 4. Signs of good health — clear, bright eyes, even breathing, shiny healthy looking feathers.
 5. Stands tall, not hunched or droopy.
 6. Handle the birds and run your hand along the back checking for any irregularities.
 7. An easy to handle tame bird can be an asset to any breeder program. Calm and cool goes a long way to making a good mate.
 8. Observe them walking and running.
 9. Watch for hens that do a lot of booming and males that do a lot of nest building and grunting.
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- For further information contact Pate Emu Farm, 573-5340.

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Low-orbit satellites fuel race for customers

WASHINGTON (AP)—Companies are betting billions on a new technology that will use low-orbiting satellites to deliver portable telephone and other communications services. However, analysts say the firms will face ferocious competition for customers.

Unlike conventional satellites that orbit more than 20,000 miles in space, the new services will use satellites that fly closer to earth, from 400 to 6,000 miles away. The orbits will be low enough for people on the ground to use special hand-held phones and other de-

vices to send and receive calls, messages, pages, faxes and other services.

The Federal Communications Commission approved the applications of Iridium, TRW Inc., and Loral Cellular Systems Corp.-Qualcomm Partnership on Tuesday, said FCC Chairman Reed Hundt.

The three companies will compete with existing cellular and paging companies as well as new companies that obtain licenses to provide an array of wireless services in the fast-growing personal communications area.

Some telecommunications analysts are skeptical about the widespread appeal of the new services.

"It will be very hard to imagine these new satellite services being price competitive" with existing cellular and emerging personal communications services, said Jeffrey Hines, an analyst for PaineWebber.

For one thing, the new phones are expected to cost about \$1,000 each. By contrast, the most expensive of the next generation of mobile phones will cost roughly \$500. For existing cellular service,

many phones are given to customers for free.

Companies providing the new satellite-delivered services are expected to charge between \$1 and \$3 a minute. Cellular providers charge about 50 cents a minute.

At best, the three satellite ventures — backed by well-capitalized companies — won't break even until 2004, Hines predicted.

Hines expects the main demand for the new services will come from the global traveler, who will be able to use one phone wherever he or she goes and will be able to be reached through one number. The most expensive venture,

the \$3.4 billion Iridium project, plans to use 66 satellites to deliver national — and eventually global — voice, data and paging services.

Companies need to obtain regulatory approval from each of the countries they want provide service to, Hundt said.

U.S. and foreign telecommunications companies — including Motorola Inc., Sprint Corp., Italy's Telecom Italia, Bell Canada and a consortium of Japanese companies including DDI Corp. — are backing the Iridium venture.

Iridium plans to begin service in the United States by 1998, said spokesman John Windolph. Lock-

heed, Raytheon and Motorola are building the satellites now and contracts for their launch have already been signed, he said.

The Loral venture should begin service by 1998. Its project will use 48 satellites to provide national and eventually worldwide communications service, including data, fax and messaging. Partners in the \$1.8 billion venture include France's Alcatel and Germany's Deutsche Aerospace.

TRW said it expects to provide phone, data and fax service in the United States in 1999 and worldwide service later.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Strep may cause kidney disease

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: This summer my 12-year-old granddaughter went swimming in a private pool. Several days later she developed strep throat and was placed on antibiotics. Three months later through urinalysis, blood tests and a kidney biopsy, it was determined she lost 60 percent kidney function — all with no noticeable outward symptoms. Do you have an explanation?

DEAR READER: A particular type of streptococcus bacteria, called Group A, can cause more than a sore throat. If not treated promptly, these strep infections may lead to rheumatic fever and a kidney disease called "glomerulonephritis."

Rheumatic fever has become a rarity, since the advent of penicillin and other antibiotics. The disease used to be a dreaded complication of strep throat and was marked by heart inflammation and cardiac-valve damage, among other consequences.

Post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis is believed to be an allergic reaction triggered by a strep infection elsewhere in the body. Although rare, it is serious, leading to blood in the urine, kidney malfunction and

hypertension — all of which can develop "silently," without particular symptoms.

Antibiotics will not effectively treat the kidney inflammation. In fact, there is no consistently curative therapy. Many cases "burn out" by themselves and improve, leaving minimal kidney damage. Other cases require dialysis or kidney transplant.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Kidney Infections and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2433, New York, NY 10163. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A year ago I suffered from blood clots in both lungs. I've been on Coumadin ever since. Will the clots clear up with time? Have they done any damage to my lungs?

DEAR READER: Pulmonary emboli (blood clots in the lungs) are extremely hazardous and constitute a major cause of unexpected, sudden death. They produce chest pain and shortness of breath and are diagnosed by special tests, such as lung scans.

With time, your body will dissolve the clots in your lungs. The purpose of

the Coumadin is to prevent further clots from forming and causing serious damage. Thus, you should continue the medication, according to your doctor's instructions.

Unless you suffered large pulmonary emboli, I doubt that your lungs were appreciably harmed. Nonetheless, you are clearly at risk for further clots that could be large enough to cause damage.

Therefore, you will need to be monitored by your doctor for several years. This monitoring will probably include ultrasound examinations of your legs (to detect unsuspected clots in the veins), blood tests and chest X-rays.

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